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Applicants' attorney thanks Examiner Pellegrino for his time in discussing his Advisory Action on March 6, 2007. In that conversation, the Examiner and the undersigned briefly discussed the Action and the fact that all of the pending claims were either allowed (claims 34-38), their rejections had been overcome (claims 19-24 and 29-33, rewritten as claims 79-89), or were dependent from allowed claim 34 (claims 45-78). The Examiner noted that the probable reason for his checking box 3(d) in the Advisory Action was that the prior amendment had 50 claims in it, where previously 44 claims had been pending. Applicants' attorney noted in response to the Examiner's concern that fees for consideration of the additional claims had been paid. It was agreed that this paper should be filed pointing out that there are no longer any finally-rejected claims in the case, and that all of the claims have been determined to be allowable or are dependent from an allowed claim.

Accordingly, Examiner Pellegrino is respectfully requested to reconsider his Advisory Action and to enter the claim amendments as noted above. Claims 34-38 were previously allowed, and were so noted in the Advisory Action. Claims 45-78 depend directly or indirectly from one of allowed independent claims 34 and 36, and as noted in the previous response, most include features previously present in other claims, and claims 55-61 and 72-78 are supported by at least paragraphs 0020, 0026 and/or 0027 of the specification and associated drawings. The Advisory Action noted that rejections of claims 19-24 and 29-33 had been overcome, and those claims were rewritten as claims 79-89 for the sake of clarity.

Claims 1-11, 15-16 and 18-33 were listed in the Advisory Action as rejected, and claims 12-14, 17 and 39-44 were listed as withdrawn from consideration. As to claims 19-24 and 29-33, only one ground for rejection had been given, and the Advisory Action indicated that that

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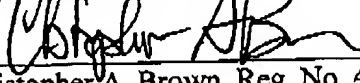
ground had been overcome. The remaining claims (1-18, 25-28 and 34-44) were cancelled without prejudice in the previously-filed response.

Thus, all rejected or withdrawn claims were cancelled without prejudice in the previously-filed amendment, and only allowed or allowable claims and claims dependent from them were to remain pending. While it is acknowledged that new claims should not be added after final without a cancellation of finally-rejected claims, here it is submitted that there is no reason not to pass this application to issue.

The Examiner indicated to the undersigned attorney that it was unnecessary to rewrite the claims in this paper, and that he would reconsider entering the prior amendment after reviewing these remarks. If the Examiner was misunderstood, or if a listing of claims would be convenient, please contact the undersigned and a new listing will be filed. Further, fees were remitted with the previously-filed response that were sufficient for consideration of all of the claims. If any further claim fees are due, please charge Deposit Account 23-3030, but not to include issue fees.

Applicants' attorney again thanks Examiner Pellegrino for his time explaining the Advisory Action, and respectfully requests reconsideration and entry of the amendments in the previously-filed response. As the Examiner suggested, a call to the undersigned if any further issues exist would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,


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